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SUBJ: JANUARY 26 NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL (NAC) MEETING: FOLLOW-UP  
TO THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON DECEMBER  
9-10, 1976

REF: (A) STATE 017002, (B) USNATO 364

SUMMARY: NAC ADOPTED PO ON MINISTERIAL FOLLOW-UP AFTER DISCUSS-  
ION OF DISARMAMENT AND SOVIET AID TO LDCA ASPECTS OF THE PO.  
END SUMMARY.

1. SYG LUNS NOTED THAT THE LIST OF TOPICS FOR CONTINUING DISCUSS-  
ION BY THE NAC LISTED IN HIS PO ON FOLLOW UP TO THE MINISTERIAL  
(REF B) WAS ILLUSTRATIVE AND NOT EXHAUSTIVE. PERMREPS, HE CON-  
TINUED, CAN RAISE ANY ISSUE THEY WISH AT COUNCIL MEETINGS OR  
IN OTHER NATO FORA.

2. SVART (DENMARK) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO THE SYG FOR  
INCLUDING DISARMAMENT MATTERS IN THE LIST FOR CONTINUING CONSID-  
ERATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, TINE (FRANCE) SAID HE WISHED TO  
ENTER A RESERVATION REGARDING THE DISARMAMENT ITEM IN THE PO  
SINCE THIS QUESTION WAS PRESENTLY UNDER REVIEW IN "ANOTHER FORUM"  
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AND HE BELIEVED IT INAPPROPRIATE TO LIST IT AS A FOLLOW-UP  
ITEM UNTIL A DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN ON HOW TO HANDLE THIS  
ISSUE IN THE OTHER FORUM. (COMMENT: TINE WAS REFERRING TO  
PERMREPS' PRIVATE MEETINGS TO CONSIDER DANISH PROPOSAL FOR  
POSSIBLE WESTERN INITIATIVES IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD.  
USNATO 302 AND 285. END COMMENT.) IN RESPONSE TO TINE,  
LUNS REITERATED THAT THE PO DOES NOT OBLIGE PERMREPS TO  
RAISE PARTICULAR ISSUES, AND THAT THE INITIATIVE LIES WITH  
THE PERMREPS. HE REMINDED THE FRENCH PERMREP, HOWEVER, THAT  
THE DECEMBER 1976 NAC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE REFERRED TO THE

IMPORTANCE OF REALISTIC EFFORTS IN THE DISARMAMENT AND ARMS  
CONTROL FIELD.

3. IN ADDRESSING SUBPARA 7 OF PO, AMBASSADOR STRAUSZ-HUPE  
DREW FULLY ON GUIDANCE IN REF A, SUGGESTING THAT THE PHRASE  
INDICATING AN INTENTION TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF SOVIET AID  
TO LDCS AT THE SPRING MINISTERIAL BE DROPPED SINCE IT IS TOO  
EARLY TO DESIGNATE SUBJECTS FOR MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION IN MAY.  
LUNS SUGGESTED THAT US CONCERN COULD BE MET BY INSERTING THE  
WORD "POSSIBLE" BEFORE "REVIEW" IN SUBPARA 7, SO THAT THE  
PHRASE WOULD READ: QUOTE THE PERMANENT COUNCIL IS TO ADDRESS  
THE SUBJECT OF SOVIET PRACTICES WITH REGARD TO AID FOR  
UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN ANTICIPATION OF A POSSIBLE  
REVIEW OF THIS QUESTION AT THE MAY 1977 MINISTERIAL MEETING  
OF THE COUNCIL. END QUOTE. THIS AMENDMENT WILL BE REFLECTED  
IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

4. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT CANADIAN AUTHORITIES ATTACH  
CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO MENTION OF SOVIET AID TO UNDER-  
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN PO ON MINISTERIAL FOLLOW-UP. VIEWED  
IN THIS LIGHT, WE BELIEVE THAT LUNS' SUGGESTION OF INSERTING  
"POSSIBLE" PROTECTS US FROM A COMMITMENT TO DISCUSS THIS  
MATTER AT MAY NAC MINISTERIAL, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME SATISFYING  
CANADIAN DESIRES.

5. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE THAT ECONADS REINFORCED MEETINGS  
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IN PAST HAVE ADDRESSED ONLY FACTUAL ASPECTS OF SOV/EE AID AND  
TRADE ACTIVITIES IN LDCS. CANADIAN DESIRE IS, HOWEVER, TO  
AIR VIEWS ON WHETHER ALLIES SHOULD PURSUE A POLICY OF SEEKING  
MORE SOV/EE PARTICIPATION IN AID EFFORTS TO LDCS (UNDP,  
REGIONAL BANKS, ETC.). THUS DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO BROADEN  
US CONTRIBUTION TO ECONAD STUDY TO INCLUDE SPECIFICALLY  
COMMENT ON THE POLICY ISSUE OF THE DESIRABILITY OF ENCOURAGING  
SOVIET/EE AID TO LDCS; AND, IF DESIRED, WE COULD SUGGEST OTHER  
ALLIES DO LIKEWISE. IN WAKE OF ECONADS DEBATE, PERMREPS  
AGAIN WOULD ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF GENERALLY DESIRED.  
END COMMENT. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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